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REMARKS

Claims 8-13, 15-20 and are pending. By this amendment, claims 14 and 21 have been canceled

Since the rejected claims, 14 and 21, have been canceled it is believed the application is in condition for allowance.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (202) 220-4232 to discuss any matter concerning this application.

Applicants do not believe that any additional fees are required in connection with this submission. Nonetheless, Applicants authorize payment of any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 or credit of any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

Respectfully submitted,

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